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*from Philmont*

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(2nd Monday in Sept. only) at 8:00 p.m. in the  
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ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Club Nets are conducted weekly.

Every Tuesday - 8:00 p.m., 147.63/03, code  
practise is conducted, all  
are welcome.

### Sam's CORNER



ONCE AGAIN ITS ELECTION TIME..GIVE PHILMONT  
A FINE GIFT, BY A FINE CHOICE!

phrom Phil-Mont's phamous phyne slate - -

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**NOTICE:  
JANUARY GENERAL MEETING...  
MONDAY JANUARY 9, 1984**

**THE PREZ SEZ...**

I can't believe it's December already. This year has been filled with many enjoyable and exciting activities starting with the First Annual Phil-Mont Roast last January. How many of you were at Stag Nite, Paddlerama, Arnie's Bath, Tubing on the Delaware, The Clambake, Old Timers' Nite? We sure had a lot of fun. Maybe you were at Field Day at W3TKQ or participated in the Penn Relay Marathon, or the Freedom Valley Bike-A-Thon, or the Philadelphia Half Marathon. How about the visit to Philadelphia Electric's Control Center? None of these activities could have taken place without the interest and efforts of our Officers, Directors and Committee members. Thank you for all the help you have given me this past year.

I extend best wishes and my continued support to the new officers for the coming year. I also want to say thank you to all Phil-Monters for your continued support of the club and wish everyone Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year.

73  
ED- KB3IV

## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Following an excellent "Old Timers" Night Dinner, coordinated by W3IIM & W3IIN, KB3IV called the 408th General Meeting to order at 7:58 P.M. (that's a new record for Ed) - The minutes of the October Directors' Meeting were read and approved. - W3IIN gave the Treasurer's Report, which was approved. (Do you have enough money for the vacation?) Jinny read a letter from W3CW expressing his regrets for not being able to attend the dinner and stating that he has been ill. In addition, she reported that W3SAI sent 73's to all. - W3VVS (after a wine report) reported that the meeting was attended by 42 members and 16 guests. Paul introduced: David & Linda Husband; Jackie Chedeville; Ethel Cox, XYL K3TYB; Ellen Hoch, XYL KA3AMO; Peg Snyder, XYL W2HSA; Elaine Spencer, mother of N3DHI; Dick Frick, K3SXR; Roy (N3AOD) and Ruth Shade; Helen Beamon, XYL W3BFM (next time try and class it up a little Roger...bring a \$3 bottle of wine); Barry Hecht, K3JQD; Bill Dempsy, N3DCM; Ed O'Malley, WB3KBK; Joe Johnston, K3VXU & Leo Alexander, ZS6BEN. - Ed informed the club that W3BBB has volunteered to read the W5YI Report on the 2 meter net (what happens when he is off killing snakes?); and that the Telrex beam has arrived at W3TKQ and will be "erected" shortly (when he says shortly, is he referring to the size of the head of the "erection" committee?) ; Ed also reported that a Kenwood 7400 has been installed in the drivers position in MOCOM. - KA3AMO conducted the prize drawing. (How do you win that thing?) - N3ADI reported that Clipperton Island (FO) is coming up in 1984. - WB3KDJ told the club that Phil-Mont (W3TKQ) placed 9th, out of 10, in their class on Field Day. (who cares, the food was great) - W3AWG, substituting for W3AWH (he was ill, not dancing) announced the slate of officers for the December election. They are:

PRESIDENT: W3BBB (Must be his 2nd childhood)  
KB3IV (He promises to shave if he wins)

VICE PRES: WB3CMM (Going for his 4th term as an officer)  
W3IIM (He's tired of going to meetings as IIN's husband)

TREASURER: W3IIN (She needs another year to make the books balance)  
N2RM (the only "2" on the slate)

SECRETARY: N3ALW (If he's elected will get some law & order)  
WB3KOH (That's not a miss print)

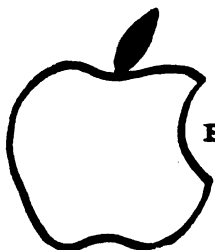
DIRECTORS: K3GNM - W3PST - W3FWG - W3ZPP

KB3IV appointed W3AWH as Judge of Elections. (What a surprise. Remember, no dancing on 12/5, John) - W3IIM burped and thanked Steve (KA3AMO) for his help in arranging the dinner. Jack, after a positive show of hands vote, will proceed with plans for a 35th anniversary dinner. This affair (I like that word) will take the place of "Old Timers" Night" (YES, Virginia, there will be a "STAG NIGHT") in 1984. - A vote was taken on a motion to hold the January General Meeting on the Second Monday. The motion was approved and the meeting will be held on January 9th. - The evenings program was given by David Husband. He is an employee of Phila. Electric and a member of their speakers bureau. Dave delivered an excellent narration on the life of Thomas Edison. - KB3IV closed the meeting at 9.30

Respectfully submitted - Don Gordon, Secretary

## NOVEMBER 1983 — DIRECTORS' MEETING

The meeting, held on November 16th, at the home of AK2I, was opened by KB3IV at 8:25. (We all waited while BBB played pool) In attendance were: W3's BBB, ZPF, AA, GIF & Mrs. Hamilton, (anyone want to loan Al \$7, so Doris can become a member?) AWG, AWH, SGR, IRS, N3ADI, K3GNM, WB3KOH, and WA2RDC. - WB3KDJ read the minutes of the November General Meeting, and, in the absence of W3IIN, gave the Treasurer's Report. W3BBB raised some questions about the small balance, which could not be answered. (With the Treasurer in Florida, what kind of a balance would you expect to have?) - N3ADI reported that a "YI" station has been showing up on the W3PHO Net. - A general discussion on Phil-mont nets was held. KB3IV indicated that he is working on getting the code practice net back on the air. (Maybe Spencer is going to do it) - W3AWH (Showing no evidence of sore feet) opened the subject of new members and membership retention. The drop in attendance at the general meetings was also discussed. - W3BBB told the group that MOCOM signs are coming. (So is spring) - Ed indicated that he was still looking for someone to type W3SRU's monster document for ARRL Special Club Status. ("He shall return") W3AWH volunteered. - The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. - Thanks to our gracious hosts, Jake and Lorraine (and the "Guy in the Corner") for their hospitality.



## BYTES FROM THE APPLE

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02-Donald Gordon - WB3KDJ	17-Betty Baddorf - (XYL W3FZO)
03-Albert Hamilton - W3GIF	-Cass Cook - (XYL KB3CT)
-Steven Scalia - N5EJP	19-Fred Reichert Jr. - KF4LM
05-Leatha Lachman - (XYL W3UQ)	21-Clinton Spencer III - N3DHI
08-Albert Rowland - W3JIL	26-Fredwood Shaw - W3ADV
09-James Bock - K3PHC	27-Harry Baynard -K3SZJ
-R. Lafayette Beamon, Jr.-W3BFM	-Clinton Spencer, Jr. - W3BBB
10-Elsie Bardsley - K3OJA	-Rachel Klabe - (XYL WA2YDS)
12-Ramona Dabagian - KM3N	28-Betty King - (XYL W3PXY)
-Kathryn Stucka - (XYL N3JM)	30-Frank Lewis - N3DGU
-Katie Moskowitz - (XYL K3RTR)	31-Rheba Bock - (XYL K3PHC)

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### TIME TO FILL OUT THE 610 FORMS

AF3F, K3KHN, W3LKI & K3NYL YOUR LICENSES EXPIRE THIS MONTH.....

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### PLEASE HELP ME TO HELP YOU

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME AND CHECK THE INFORMATION PRINTED ON YOUR 1984 DUES INVOICE (PAGE 1). REMEMBER TO MAIL IT, WITH YOUR DUES, TO W3IIN.

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**REMEMBER...THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9, 1984**

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### A PARTING THANKS

Thanks to all of the members for giving me the chance to "play secretary" for the past two years. Thanks for allowing me to take pot shots at so many of you. At the discretion of the editor, I will continue this column next year. I wish the best to all of the candidates and promise the new officers my help in 1984. Season's greetings to all...may 1984 bring Peace, Health & Happiness to you and your entire family ....DE WB3KDJ

December '83

de W 3 I I M

THIS IS THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF A  
NEW, REGULAR FEATURE OF YOUR BLURB.

## OLD BUSINESS

TVI RETREAT  
30 YEARS AGO

The Blurb was originally called the TVI Retreat, and from the November, 1953 issue we present the following:

The program for the November meeting was presented by W3ADV of Bell Telephone. His talk and movies were on the subject of hi frequency telephone communications. Windy Bill (W3CUB) made the arrangements.

W3UVL was going to have Miss Press Photographer of 1953 at the next meeting to pose for some publicity shots for the club. - Russ showed pictures of her all around and the club unanimously voted her as Miss Battery Charger of 1954!

W3UQV reports FCC docket 10712 proposing Novice and Technician exams by mail only.

New stations heard - W3PST ----C.D. radio officer for Phila.

Windbag Carl W3SGR, also known as 'stamplicker' is the organizer of the mailing lists.

W3DSG just finished a new intercom rig for the club frequency. Couldn't raise anyone because the xtal was tuned up on 35 megs.

Comment: "It's too bad 2 meters isn't more practical for our coverage."

Phil-mont plans to knock themselves for some very extensive prizes at the Almo Electronics Show at the Penn Sheraton Hotel. Seems like Almo is really after the 'ham' business. We hear Resco is too.

THE BLURB  
15 YEARS AGO

Cover: Apollo Saturn V lunar module, drawn by Sam Kunceovich, W3CNI.

The club is now paying back money borrowed by the sale of \$25 Bonds used for financing the purchase of our Comm Bus last year.

At the October mid-month a motion was introduced to increase the dues from \$6 per year to \$8.

The October auction was not exactly a success. This can be attributed both to the loss of our 'Master Auctioneer' W3WNC, and to the growing commercialization of ham radio which has diminished the importance of components and surplus gear.

W3GIF won a Swan 350 at Hamtronics' open house.

W3VVS is still in the process of moving his shack to the basement.

Sept. 1, 1968, Frenchy was appointed Penna. MARS Director.

The TECHNIGRAM (a regular feature of the BLURB back then) had a circuit of a 52.525MHz solid state oscillator designed by K3MQR (via W3AJ0).

THE PREZ SEZ --- Nov. 1968

"Just to put you young cats straight, I think it only fair to point out that the up-coming "Old Timer's Night" may be quite different from what you may expect.

"First of all, the "old timers" who attend will not, repeat not be coming in wheel chairs or even with canes. You see, an "Old Timer" is not necessarily an old man who, for reasons of senility, can no longer stand the mad pace of Phil-mont. Would you believe - we have some old timers who are still active in Phil-mont?

"For instance, one doesn't get calls such as ADV, AES, AHP, or AJ0 unless one is old - I mean old!. And then there's QQH and VVS. Now, both of these old gents stammered in their youth. In truth, their original calls were QH and VS. They stumbled over there (sic) calls so often, the FCC took pity and modified them as we know them today. They, the FCC, even went so far as to give one of them a second call of BBB, or was it BB? As far as their ages are concerned, only their hairdressers know.

"So, you see, "Old Timer" is merely a term, coined to include those who have spent many fruitful years with Phil-mont and, for reasons best known to themselves, are unable to continue their former activity. None the less, they still revere Phil-mont, and deserve our whole-hearted welcome.

"Remember, some day you too will be an old timer. The alternative leaves one cold."

W3KN (George Weed)

## OLD BUSINESS

TVI RETREAT  
30 YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 1953

In this issue of the forerunner of the Blurb we note the following regarding the first annual banquet:

57 members and guests attended. Thanks to the committee -- Mrs. VVS Eunice, Elaine, Mary Jane IM's boss, W3DSG, W3JGB, W3JLE. All the gala received corsages, 17 gifts & knockers (?? -ed.) were distributed. Anyone who got 3 or more knockers (?? again -ed.) was considered a "character". We have 2 "characters" in the club with 2 runners-up. Gas-bag Carl wasn't one of the runners-up. Peg's (Mrs. W3NIP) favorite trick when the ole man gets out of hand is to go down to the shack - unsolder a mess of connections & resolder them up elsewhere. Mrs. Dick received a nice purse - good for radio parts. Eunice received a necklace; DSG - solder; - IVD - salt shakers; CUB - rotary grinder, & many others. Mrs. W3SGR is a tough hombre to get out but once you do, you can't get her home - HI Lydia - she was there until the last dog was hung. And did you see Peggy Snyder's gown?

At our last meeting, Fred, W3ADV, sure gave us a fine talk on Bell Telephone mobile communications.

Election time again. W3NIP, IM, DSG, and QQH have done a bang-up job for the year!

THE BLURB  
15 YEARS AGO  
DECEMBER 1968

Candidates for office for 1969 are:  
President/V.P. K3UWO W3VVS  
Secretary WA3ABU K3SPS  
Treasurer WA3DSP K3NYL  
Director W3AHP W3AJ0 W3WXC

After the meeting Anne Hecht has invited everyone over to her nearby apartment for coffee.

SCOOP-- W3GIF has been using his new SSB rig to work JA's and other goodies... Will W3FWI, Art, ever get his Tribander tuned?... W3CW travelled all over Italy, France and England. All wanted to know what happened to PMRC on the SW bands... W3OWK offered

to help QQH with the repeater, but to his surprise, he got handed a pick and shovel instead of a soldering iron... W3PXY has been to England on business. George must have heard about the brain drain, and decided to get one before they were all gone.

W3VVS is still in the process of moving his shack, and now we learn that K3UWO is moving his, too. Paul is using an Early American motif (in keeping with the vintage of his equipment, no doubt)... Report from ARRL is that we collected so much equipment for Ghana hams that they couldn't possibly use it all, so some will be diverted to other countries... Rick Spencer has been occupied this fall with school band concerts... W3KLR, Tom, participated in ARRL frequency measuring test and wound up with an average error of 13.5 ppm, five times better than needed to qualify for top grade 00!!

de W3IIM

### MORE MORE MORE - KEEP IT COMING!

Your Historical Committee has spent long hours cataloging all of the memorabilia that has been contributed thus far. Most issues of the BLURB are now in the library, however we are missing some issues which probably are stashed away in someone's basement or shack. We hope that you like our new column OLD BUSINESS, and that you will let us share with all of our readers the articles in your copies -- ones which we might not yet have.

We also would like to have any old membership lists that you can find.

The following is a list of the most important issues that we are missing, however, any and all issues are appreciated in order to insure that we have complete copies. (Some have had pages and/or tear sheets removed.)

TVI RETREAT-All Prior To-DEC 1950  
" " JAN '51 Thru NOV '51  
" " FEB, MAY, AUG,  
" " and DEC '52  
" " APR, JULY, & DEC '53

Besides, the heavy printed stuff following, we have this goody concerning our City of Brotherly Love: "Our members sometimes complain, 'I always get my other magazines on time, but QST is always late.' The Red Tag News Publications Association keeps track of Postal Service performance. An average of only 32% of the monthly magazines mailed in the U.S. were delivered within the Postal Service delivery standard. The worst area: Philadelphia with 8% on time. The best: Miami with 73%!"

A N D

The FCC Rule Book, ARRL's volume containing a complete Part 97 and guide to the regulations, is being updated. The next edition should be available in early 1984.

## **STS-9/W5LFL MOVES AHEAD — SKED FIRMS**

NASA has refined the operating schedule of W5LFL for the STS-9 mission which is still scheduled for launch at 1600 UTC November 28 (see the table on page 3). On Tuesday, December 6, Dr. Garriott expects to have some free time during his work period and may be on the air during passes not listed in the table. For that last day in orbit, you may want to consider calling him any time the Columbia is in range of your station.

As reported last time, Dr. Garriott, while engaged in experimental activity during his work periods, may occasionally leave his receiver ON, set to one of the ten receive frequencies. For these ten minutes or so, incoming calls will be tape-recorded and played back later on the ground. It is requested that calls "in the blind" be made for no longer than 30 seconds, near closest approach, to give more hams a chance to be heard.

Remember, STS-9 ham radio operations will be as follows: Dr. Garriott will transmit on 145.55 MHz, with 145.53 and 145.57 as backup. He will listen on 144.91, 144.93, 144.95, 144.97, 144.99, 145.01, 145.03, 145.05, 145.07 and 145.09 MHz only. (These are the U.S. frequencies.) He will not be listening on his transmit frequency. W5LFL will transmit for the 60 seconds of each even minute and will scan the 10 receive channels for the 60 seconds of each odd minute. (Set your clock to WWV.)

Check W1AW bulletins for late news. Other sources of late-breaking news on changes in operating ties are W5RRR (28.6, 21.37, 14.28, 7.23 and 3.85 MHz), Electra/Bearcat (1-800-SCANNER), Westlink's special number (213-465-1500) and ARRL's Ham-in-Space Info line (203-666-0688). Good luck!

✓ Before its holiday recess, Congress took favorable action on the legislation needed to permit Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) to recoup expenses. The legislation was added to H.R. 2755 (the FCC authorization bill), which is now on its way to the President for his signature. ARRL will now work toward early FCC rulemaking to implement expense recoupment for VECs and will continue to develop language for an agreement between ARRL and FCC.

✓ During a telephone conference call to discuss the developing Volunteer Examination situation on November 21, it was the

sense of the ARRL Executive Committee that a Special Meeting of the ARRL Board should be called when a draft ARRL/FCC agreement is ready for Board review and approval. The time and place of such a meeting has not been determined.

✓ On behalf of Bob Winn, W5KNE, and West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, ARRL General Manager Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, approached the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission for permission for radio amateurs in Texas to use the official Texas Sesquicentennial Logo on their QSL cards. That permission was granted on November 9.

All of the above is from the "ARRL LETTER."



Phil-Mont's Calendar for the month of DECEMBER '83!

- 01 Happy Hanukkah
- 04 WB3CMM is the 2m NCS, Bill.
- 11 K3PHC is the 2m NCS, Jim.
- 14 W3AA hosts the Board of Directors' Meeting. This is also the BLURB bedtime.
- 18 W3AWG is the 2m NCS, Jim.
- 22 The winter solstice occurs at 5:30 am (that's the 1st day of winter, you guys).
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS and  
KB3IV is the 2m NCS, Ed.
- 26 Another Christmas celebration inasmuch as the real Chistmas was yesterday,  
Sunday.
- 31 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE! The hangover is celebrated tomorrow.
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Maybe we can kick off the new GOURMET column that we've been hearing about at the last few meetings with this recipe from the December 1968 Blurb!

HOLIDAY STRAWBERRY PUNCH

Ingredients:

12 eggs (separated)  
1 1/2 qt. heavy cream  
6 1/2 lb. frozen strawberries  
3 qt. milk  
3/4 cup sherry or rum  
3/4 cup sugar

Beat egg yolks, add cream and strawberries. Add milk and sherry. Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add sugar a small amount at a time, beating constantly until stiff and glossy. Fold into strawberry mixture. Serve garnished with whole strawberries and sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes 2 1/2 gallons. (We do things in a BIG way at Phil-Mont.) Ingredients may be reduced to make quantity desired.

This recipe was furnished by restaurateur K3KNH who says it was published in a national trade magazine that prints recipies from famous restaurants.

de W3IIM

# WHO HAS BEEN WHO IN PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB

The following is a list of Phil-Mont officers from then till now.

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRES.	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1983	KB3IV	WB3CMM	WB3KDJ	W3IIN
1982	W3SRU	W3GQD	WB3KDJ	KB3IV
1981	AK2I	W3SRU	N3AVE	W3UY
1980	WB3CMM	W3GQD	K3GBA	AK2I
1979	W3AWG	W3RCE	W3IRS	K3SPS
1978	WB2LGY (a)	WB3CMM	W3GQD	K3SPS
1977	W3AWH	WB2LGY (a)	W3AWG	K3SPS
1976	W3AWH	W3BIP	WA3KLR	K3SPS
1975	W3EXY*	K3KNH	W2FUW	K3SPS
1974	W3EXY*	W3GIF	K3HIE	K3SPS
1973	W3QQH (b)	K3LYR	K3UWO	W3KN*
1972	W3OW	K3HIE	K3LYR	W3QQH (b)
1971	W2FUW	W3ADV	WA2RDC	W3QQH (b)
1970	W3WXC	W3VVS	W3AJO*	K3KNH
1969	K3UWO	W3VVS	K3SPS	K3NYL
1968	W3KN*	W3OWK (d) *	W3JKH**	K3NYL
1967	W3YHV	W3OWK (d) *	K3UWO	WA2RDC
1966	W3ADV	W3QZD	K3UWO	W3GOW (e)
1965	K3HIJ	W3YHV	K3CEE	W3GOW (e)
1964	K3GNJ*	W3EQV (f)	W3WPD	W3MHR (g) *
1963	W3GOW (e)	K3GNJ*	K3HIJ	W3KHR**
1962	W3CDY	W3GOW (e)	K3GNJ*	K3DJE*
1961	W3NIP (c)	W3CDY	W3EQV (f)	W3GOW (e)
1960	W3WNC	W3CDY	W3GOW (e)	W3VCE
1959	W3AWH	W3VVS	W3IVD	W3OEC (h)
1958	W3YJM	W3FXY	W3SAI	W3OEC (h)
1957	W3UVL	W3DHJ**	W3SAI	W3DSG
1956	W3QZD	W3SAI	W3QQH (b)	W3DSG
1955	W3NIP (c)	W3CNO	W3QQH (b)	W3DSG
1954	W3VVS	W3IRS	W3QQH (b)	W3DSG
1953	W3NIP (c)	W3IM	W3QQH (b)	W3DSG
1952	W3QQH (b)	W3IM	W3NIP (c)	W3QQI*
1951	W3IW*	W3VVS	W3QQH (b)	W3QQH (b)
1950	W3PMD***	W3AAG	W3KCG**	W3KCG**
1949	W3PMD***	----	W3KCG**	W3KCG**

\* Deceased

\*\* Current status unknown (Note: If you can furnish any information about these people please advise WB3KDJ)

\*\*\* Club founder-deceased

CALL CHANGED TO: (a)KC2HX (b)W3BBB (c)W2HSA (d)K2LK (e)W1FHP  
(f)W2FUW (g)W3KN (h)W3UQ

APOLOGIES are in order for the enclosed page 6. It was received in time for the November issue, but misplaced. NO excuses, just apologies. de w3pst.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:**

**DUES ARE DUE...SEE PAGE 6**

This is your OFFICIAL BALLOT for the Annual Election of Officers on 05 Dec 83  
This BALLOT must be in the hands of the Judge of the Elections, W3AWH before  
the ballots are declared closed on the night of the elections. It has been suggested  
that if you mail your ballot that you mark the envelope with your call. This is only  
done to be sure that we indeed have a ballot from a bona fide member of Phil-Mont.  
If you find that you can attend the meeting and you have mailed in your ballot, you  
may claim your unopened envelope at the proper time. That time to be determined  
by the Judge of the Elections. Any further questions must be directed to da jedge.

For President           ( ) W3BBB  
(vote for one)

( ) KB3IV

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For Vice-President       ( ) WB3CMM  
(vote for one)

( ) W3IIM

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For Treasurer           ( ) W3IIN  
(vote for one)           ( ) N2RM

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For Secretary           ( ) N3ALW  
(vote for one)

( ) WB3KOH

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For Directors           ( ) K3GNM  
(vote for two)

( ) W3PST

( ) W3PWG

( ) W3ZPP  
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MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE JUDGE OF THE ELECTIONS

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Here are a coupla nouncements for your information:

The Montgomery County Communications Department has openings for:  
a Second Deputy Director of Communications whose job requires extensive know-  
ledge of Public Safety Telecommunications Systems and Operations and be well  
versed in electronics, electronic data processing and telephone systems, AND  
two(2) Senior Radio Technicians who should have at least five(5) years experience  
in 2-way FM radio maintenance . Equivalent experience in related fields will be  
considered. Interested parties should contact Tom Gibson at 631-5105.

The Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club(147.66/.06) will present a Technician/Gen-  
eral Class License course at Cabrini College, Radnor, PA. Classes start on  
18 January 84, \$5.00 registration fee and \$10.00 for texts. For further informa-  
tion contact WA3PZO or the College at (215) 687-2101.



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<b>I</b> ndia 	<b>J</b> uliett 	<b>K</b> ilo 	<b>New ABCs</b>  THE 26 words make up the new alphabet adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). They are intended for use by pilots, radiomen and control-tower operators when poor communications or language difficulties make it advisable to spell out words.  This is the second revision of the ABLE, BAKER, CHARLIE alphabet that millions of GIs learned during World War II.  To qualify for the ICAO alphabet, every word had to meet rigid requirements: (1) begin with the letter that it represents; (2) be pronounced with understandable similarity by speakers of many nations; (3) cause a minimum of confusion with any other letter word; (4) have some meaning for users of most nationalities.		<b>L</b> ima 	<b>M</b> ike 	<b>N</b> ovember 
<b>O</b> scar 	<b>P</b> apa 	<b>Q</b> uebec 			<b>R</b> omeo 	<b>S</b> ierra 	<b>T</b> ango 
<b>U</b> niform 	<b>V</b> ictor 	<b>W</b> iskey 	<b>X</b> -ray 	<b>Y</b> ankee 	<b>Z</b> ulu 		

# W5YI REPORT.....

## THE MEDIA AND THE GRENADIAN INCIDENT

There are many side ham stories to the invasion of Grenada. One of the more significant ones is the roll that the media played. The Department of Defense invaded Grenada under an imposed news blackout but private amateur radio communication was permitted. Many reporters, not understanding amateur radio rules, couldn't comprehend why messages and private conversation with Grenada was allowable but not getting status reports from these same private citizens. Some were furious to put it mildly.

The FCC Private Radio Bureau and the ARRL went over this many times with various radio, TV and newspaper reporters. They were told that they could retransmit live anything they wanted to since Section 605 (secrecy provisions of the Communications Act) did not apply to amateur radio. The media was prohibited from acting as a Third Party (even though these privileges existed for one day) if they were gathering news reports.

Jim McKinney, Chief of the FCC Mass Media Bureau said that broadcasting was a professional use of amateur radio and specifically outlawed. He prohibited broadcasters from using amateur radio as a news gathering tool, a remote news pick up medium or to conduct interviews that would be broadcast over other than the amateur service. He cited limitations in the rules about rebroadcasting from another service.

There was mass confusion as to what could and couldn't be done causing the FCC to issue a Public Notice on October 26th during the height of the invasion. In part, the release said "...broadcasters are cautioned... that in covering amateur radio activity, they must not become actively involved in the amateur transmissions. That is to say, the broadcaster may not employ an amateur station as it would use a reporter or a translator in order to convey, directly or indirectly, questions or subject matter which the broadcast station desires to be addressed."

Furthermore, the broadcast stations were directed to advise the FCC how they had used ham radio in their news broadcasts. The media had trouble understanding that CB radio could be used as a news communications medium, but not amateur radio. Some said the administration obviously had something to hide and that the Constitution guaranteed Freedom of the Press and Speech.

Bill Miller (K4MM) one of the main U.S. participants during the crisis said he got a call from a CBS reporter who wanted to do a live interview via amateur radio. "I practically had to hang up on him he was so arrogant," Bill said. "I told him point blank I wouldn't do it! He kept on and on. 'USA Today' (a national newspaper) was here most of the day. The TV people wanted to come out here and I said 'Be my guest.' They wanted to do it live and I said you won't be able to do anything live when I'm on the air."

All across the country, radio and TV stations were showing ham operators listening to or participating in the Barattella communications. In all fairness, there was little else they could do. It was a major event and the news media was frozen out. Representatives of all three networks and one radio station reported live from the ARRL headquarters station, WIAW, for the better part of two days, according to Dave Sumner (K1ZZ), League general manager.

## EXAM QUESTIONS ISSUES FOR ELEMENT 3

The Commission has issued a list of the questions from which volunteer examiners will select when administering Technician and General Class amateur radio operator examinations. The test consists of questions covering: Rules & Regulations, Operating Procedures, Radio Wave Propagation, Amateur Radio Practice, Electrical Principles, Circuit Components, Practical Circuits, Signals & Emissions and Antennas & Feedlines. A copy of the test can be obtained from various FCC field offices. Ask for PR Bulletin 1035B.

The FCC also has a new form to use where a proposed amateur antenna exceeds maximum allowable standards. (Form 854).

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